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In re Application of
Marvin A. Leedom
Application No. 09/804,983
Filed: March 13, 2001
For: HEARING AID WITH A FLEXIBLE SHELL

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition to make special filed November 05, 2003 (paper No. 12) under MPEP §708.02 (IV), applicant's age.

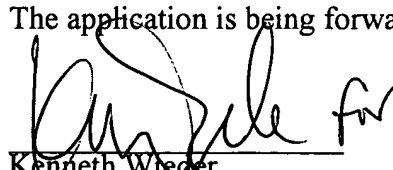
A petition to make special under MPEP §708.02, IV, must show that petitioner is 65 years of age, or more. Acceptable evidence includes a birth certificate, copy of a driver's license, or simply a statement by the applicant. No fee is required.

The petition includes a statement by Mr. Marvin A. Leedom, in support of the petition, evidencing that he is over 65 years of age.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.


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